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SUBJ: PHUNG HOANG HIGH VALUE REWARDS PROGRAM (U)

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1. (U) THIS MESSAGE CONTAINS INFORMATION UPDATING THE REFERENCE.

2. (C) DURING THE PERIOD 3 THROUGH 16 AUG 71 A SMALL COMBINED TEAM CONSISTING OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE GVN NATIONAL POLICE COMMAND AND MACCORDS VISITED THE FOUR PILOT PROVINCES INCLUDED IN THE INITIAL PHASE OF THE HIGH VALUE REWARDS PROGRAM (HVRP). THE PURPOSE OF THE VISIT WAS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF INFORMATION IN DOSSIERS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED ON VCI WHO WERE NOMINATED FOR HVRP. FROM AN INITIAL TOTAL INPUT OF THIRTY-FOUR DOSSIERS FROM THE FOUR PROVINCES ONLY TWELVE WERE SELECTED. SINCE NO PILOT PROVINCE HAS MET ITS AUTHORIZED QUOTE OF NOMINATIONS (ONE PERCENT OF THE TOTAL NUMBER OF CONFIRMED VCI WITHIN THE PROVINCE), IT IS FULLY ANTICIPATED THAT ADDITIONAL NOMINATIONS/DOSSIERS WILL BE SUBMITTED IN THE NEAR FUTURE FOR CONSIDERATION.

3. (U) ON 13 AUG 71 THE GVN PRIME MINISTER APPROVED A REQUEST

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FROM THE COMMANDING GENERAL OF MILITARY REGION IV TO INCLUDE THE PROVINCE OF VINH LONG IN THE HVRP, THEREBY MAKING IT THE FIFTH PROVINCE IN THE PILOT PROGRAM. THE MR IV REQUEST WAS PROMPTED BY THE DESIRE TO FURTHER ENHANCE A SPECIAL PROJECT WITHIN VINH LONG TO IMPROVE THE NATIONAL POLICE AND NEUTRALIZE VCI. NOMINATIONS FROM VINH LONG HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECEIVED.

4. (C) A COMBINED MEETING OF NATIONAL POLICE AND MACCORDS REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE HELD DURING EARLY SEPTEMBER FOR A FINAL REVIEW OF ALL DOSSIERS AND TO DETERMINE THE AMOUNT OF REWARD TO BE OFFERED FOR INFORMATION LEADING TO SELECTED VCI MEMBERS. A TARGET DATE FOR PUBLICATION OF THE FIRST LIST OF CANDIDATES UNDER HVRP CANNOT BE FIRMLY ESTABLISHED. WILL ADVISE. GP-4.
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